



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Five-Mile Landing

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge

Five Mile Landing is a Concession Operation located on Havasu National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). It is on the eastern shore of Topock Marsh just north of Golden Shores, AZ. This Concession Operation was established ca1956 to provide short-term RV trailer/camping accommodations, boat access to Topock Marsh, and basic recreation services for refuge visitors participating in wildlife-oriented recreation. Since 1956, several individuals have held the Contract to manage the Five Mile Landing Concession for the Service. The most recent Contract, established in 1986, expired on 7/31/2006. Five Mile Landing contains approximately 74 full hookup RV spaces and 30 primitive camping spaces. Also, the Concession facilities consist of a small store, community building, public (no fee) boat launch facility, and a small marina.

Over the years, some aspects and management practices evolved that made Five Mile Landing incompatible with the purposes of Havasu NWR and out of compliance with Department of the Interior policy. For the Concession Operation to continue, the Service needed to address these issues. After careful examination, the Service decided to bring the facility into compliance and continue operations. For the past three years, the Service has implemented actions necessary to reissue the Concession Contract.

Current Status of the Concession

- The Contract to manage the Concession Operation expired on 7/31/2006.
- The Refuge staff plan to manage the Concession in a reduced fashion until the Service awards a new contract.

1. Refuge staff will visit the Concession on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to conduct basic maintenance services.
2. Refuge staff will maintain the roads, plumbing, and facilities, including all common areas.

3. Campers are responsible for keeping the sites they rent free of fire hazards – whether occupied or unoccupied during this time period.
4. We will clean the fish cleaning station on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
5. We will calculate and charge campers for their electrical usage in the same manner in which the former Concessionaire did.
6. Refuge staff will collect fees from overnight campers, as needed.
7. If campers have problems or issues that they need resolved, they should contact the Refuge Office or Refuge Manager John Earle as soon as possible.

- The Service announced a request for proposal concerning the Concession Contract in fedbizopps on July 20, 2006. Our Regional Office must receive the proposals by 4:00 p.m. on September 5, 2006.

- The Service will have a team evaluate the proposals September 6 – 7, 2006.

- The team will select and award the Contract at this time.

- The new contract will begin on October 1, 2006 and will expire September 30, 2011, unless extended as per conditions in the Contract.

- Currently, there is no intent to close this facility.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to administer Five Mile Landing in a manner which is compatible with the purpose for which the Refuge was established and in accordance with the management objectives set forth in the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997. We plan to enforce the following to ensure Havasu NWR and the concession operation remains compatible with the purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System, meets Federal standards for public use facilities, and is available to a larger number of visitors.

Regulations for full hook-up at campsites

1. Visitors may use only designated campsites.
2. Campsites are for temporary use only. Using a lot as a permanent residence is prohibited.
3. Renting a lot implies no possessory interest in the lot.
4. In addition to the general guidelines, the following length of stay guidelines are in effect from **01 October through 30 April** (starting in 2006):
 - a. Campsites may be used by a permit issued by the Refuge for a maximum of 30 days at a time.
 - b. Stays (of any length) must be separated by at least two months.
 - c. At the end of a stay (of any length), all personal property (including trailer) must be removed and the campsite returned to pre-arrival condition.
 - d. Sharing a trailer to extend the time it is on a campsite past 30 days is prohibited.
 - e. Switching campsites to extend an individual's or group's stay past 30 days is prohibited.
5. In addition to the general guidelines, the following length of stay guidelines are in effect from **01 May through 30 September** (beginning 01 Aug 2006):
 - a. Campsites may be used by a permit issued by the Refuge for a maximum of 182 days at a time, including permit periods in April and October.
 - b. At the end of a stay (of any length), all personal property (including trailer) must be removed and the campsite returned to pre-arrival condition.

- c. Sharing a trailer to extend the time it is on a campsite past 182 days is prohibited.
 - d. Switching campsites to extend an individual's or group's stay past 182 days is prohibited.
6. Only one travel trailer/recreational vehicle is permitted on a single campsite.
 7. Travel trailers/recreational vehicles longer than 40 feet must be individually permitted by refuge manager.
 8. Travel trailers/recreational vehicles wider than 96 inches (not including "slide-outs") are prohibited.
 9. Only one power supply cord may be connected to the provided power pedestal. This cord must be a grounding-type travel trailer/recreational vehicle power supply cord with integral molded plug. All other electrical connections must be made to the travel trailer/recreational vehicle.
 10. Tents are not permitted in the travel trailer/recreational vehicle area.
 11. Open fires are not allowed at any time. Charcoal or gas fueled cooking in an enclosed grill is allowed.
 12. All travel trailers/recreational vehicles must be capable of being moved in three days.
 13. No permanent structures (e.g., fences, porches, awnings, storage sheds, shade structures, cement pads) may be constructed on or near a campsite.
 14. One personal automobile or self-propelled recreational vehicle may be parked on a single campsite. This vehicle must be used for transportation and not as living quarters.
 15. Storage of an accessory trailer (e.g., boat, ATV, storage) or boat on a travel trailers/recreational vehicles lot is prohibited. The overflow parking area may be used for storage of an accessory trailer (e.g., boat, ATV, storage), boat(s), or extra vehicle(s). The overflow parking area is for current Five Mile Landing customers only.
16. Outdoor freezers or refrigerators are permitted. These must be locked at all times.
 17. Flammable liquids containers must be U.S. Department of Transportation approved, capable of holding no more than six gallons, and stored at least three feet from all travel trailers/recreational vehicles. Storing a total of more than 12 gallons (of which no more than six gallons may be non-pressurized) of a flammable liquid on a single campsite is prohibited. Liquid petroleum tanks affixed (i.e., fastened in a location designed for tank storage by the travel trailer/recreational vehicle manufacturer) to a travel trailer/recreational vehicle are not included in this total.
 18. Visitors are required to keep their rented campsite and their property in a neat, orderly, and hazard-free condition. Household goods and other miscellaneous items must be stored in the interior of a travel trailer/recreational vehicle. Storing material under a travel trailer/recreational vehicle is prohibited.
 19. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m.
 20. All pets must be leashed when outside the owner's travel trailer/ recreational vehicle.
 21. Livestock, poultry, waterfowl, and animals and their produce and progeny intended for human consumption are prohibited.
 22. Visitors may use power generators as needed.
- In addition to the above guidelines, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decided to integrate some additional guidelines which began August 1, 2006 and will continue until October 1, 2010. They are as follows:
1. All campsites at Five Mile Landing are for your personal non-residential, non-permanent use only. You may not sub-lease a trailer or campsite.
 2. Trailer owners who purchase trailers on the Refuge after August 1, 2006 will immediately be subject to all the Five Mile Landing guidelines.
 3. All permanent structures on the campsite upon which your trailer sits must be removed if you sell your trailer while it is still on the Refuge.
4. Permits for structures are not transferable.
 5. Trailer owners must notify the Refuge Manager three business days prior to selling their trailer. When notifying the Refuge Manager, you must provide the name, address, phone number of the purchaser and a copy of the purchase agreement.
 6. ALL personal property and permanent structures must be removed when vacating a campsite.
 7. Campers who have continuously rented a campsite at Five Mile Landing since on or before June 01, 2004 will:
 - a. Have until October 1, 2010 to conform to new length of stay limitations.
 - b. Be issued as Special Use Permit (SUP), which will be dependent on removal of all non-permitted structures and conformance to all other guidelines. The permit will not be transferable and will expire on the earlier of September 30, 2010, death, day you transfer title of your trailer to another, move your trailer from its current campsite, or occupy another trailer at Five Mile Landing.
 - c. Be present when your trailer or campsite is in use by non-owners.
 - d. Not be allowed to build any permanent structures on the campsite for which you are permitted.

For further information

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